

Quantity-wise and product-wise details of exports are given in monthly/annual number of Foreign Trade Statistics of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, copies of which are available in Parliament Library.

(c) Does not arise.

Target fixed for export of various products

2340. SHRI NABAM REBIA:

PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed for the export of various products during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any step has been taken to rapidly enhance the export of various products; and

(d) the foreign exchange that we earned for the last five years because of the export of various products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) (a) and (b) The target export growth rate for the year 2000-2001 has been fixed at 18% in \$ terms.

(c) A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction costs through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sector and focus regions.

(d) As per the DGCI&S data the value of exports for the last five years is as under:—

(US \$ Million)

| Year | Exports |
|------------|---------|
| 1995-96 | 31797 |
| 1996-97 | 33470 |
| 1997-98 | 35006 |
| 1998-99 | 33219 |
| 1999-2000* | 37538 |

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

*Provisional

Contract to M/s K.J. International

2341. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC had awarded any contract to M/s K.J. International to process paddy into rice and export thereof in the year 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that before receiving any supply from the above-said company, the MMTC had paid a huge amount to that company to procure paddy and that too without any Bank Guarantee;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether M/s K.J. International fulfilled the commitment in that regard; and

(f) if not, what action has been taken against the supplier and concerned officers of MMTC?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, MMTC had entered into an agreement with M/s K.J. International to process basmati